

# JAPANESE SMALL COMPANY PORTFOLIO (I)

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## OVERVIEW

Benchmark	MSCI Japan Small Cap Index (net div.)
Inception Date	Jan. 31, 1986
Ticker	DFJSX
CUSIP	233203108
Assets Under Management of Master Fund	\$3.9 Billion

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Japanese Small Company Portfolio is to achieve long-term capital appreciation. The Portfolio is a Feeder Portfolio and pursues its objective by investing substantially all of its assets in its corresponding Master Fund, The Japanese Small Company Series, which has the same investment objective and policies as the Japanese Small Company Portfolio.

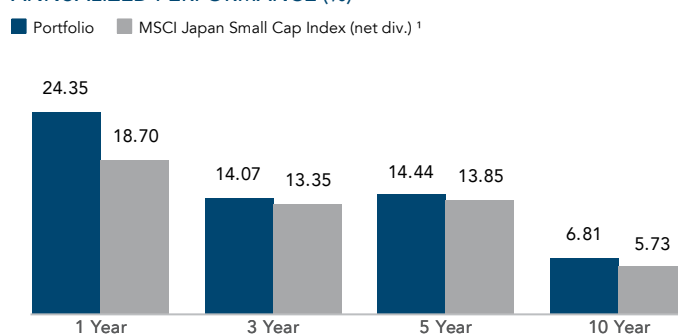
## PRINCIPAL RISKS

Risks include loss of principal and fluctuating value. Small cap securities are subject to greater volatility than those in other asset categories. International investing involves special risks such as currency fluctuation and political instability. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks. Sector-specific investments can also increase investment risks. For more detail regarding the risks affecting this Portfolio, please see the Principal Risks section of the prospectus.

## CHARACTERISTICS

Number of Holdings	1,724
% in Top 10 Holdings	3.07
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (Millions)	\$1,100
Price-to- Book	1.20
Annual Turnover (Oct. 31, 2016) <sup>2</sup>	10%

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%)



## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

	PORTFOLIO	BENCHMARK
2016	9.16%	7.57%
2015	13.99%	15.32%
2014	-0.93%	-0.47%
2013	23.66%	26.34%
2012	4.16%	4.01%
2011	-1.01%	-3.89%
2010	17.50%	19.94%
2009	3.20%	5.09%
2008	-12.12%	-21.15%
2007	-8.53%	-11.70%

Performance for the portfolio is reported net of all advisory fees and includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Performance less than one year is not annualized. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit [us.dimensional.com](http://us.dimensional.com).

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<sup>1</sup> The MSCI Japan Small Cap Index measures the performance of small cap securities from the Japan market. MSCI data copyright MSCI 2017, all rights reserved. Indices are not available for direct investment.

<sup>2</sup> The portfolio turnover rate presented is the portfolio turnover of the Master Fund.

**GICS SECTOR ALLOCATION**

Industrials	28.83%
Consumer Discretionary	19.59%
Information Technology	14.45%
Materials	11.50%
Financials	10.64%
Consumer Staples	8.15%
Health Care	4.59%
Energy	1.15%
Utilities	0.98%
Telecommunication Services	0.12%
REITs	—

**TOP HOLDINGS**

Sankyu Inc	0.34%
NOF Corp	0.32%
Tokai Carbon Co Ltd	0.32%
Leopalace21 Corp	0.31%
Penta-Ocean Construction Co Ltd	0.31%
Topcon Corp	0.30%
Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co Ltd	0.30%
Sawai Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	0.29%
DMG Mori Co Ltd	0.29%
Aoyama Trading Co Ltd	0.29%

**FUND COSTS**

Management Fee	0.60%
Management Fee After Fee Waiver	0.50%
Total Operating Expense Ratio	0.64%
Net Expense Ratio (to investor)	0.54%

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